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INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT

1. This question paper consists of **SIX** pages with **FOUR** sections only.
2. Write all your answers in the Answer Booklet.

SECTION A: WORD CLASSES [20 MARKS]

Instructions: Fill in the blanks with the correct answer. Choose the correct answer from the

EXAMPLE: Peter, **whom** house is nearby, will be able to walk to school.

even if	employment	lie	across	who
most	offend	amaze	others	over
generosity	enough	respectfully	itself	whose
however	since	Hurray!	relatively	stayed

1. We saw _____ that we like.
2. _____ we have completed the project.
3. A terrible storm raged _____ the sea.
4. The calmness of the ocean never fails to _____ me.
5. It was never my intention to _____ her with my words.
6. A flock of tiny insects flew _____ the trees near my house.
7. We have _____ disciplinary problems to deal with in a year.
8. Mr. Smith _____tipped his hat when he entered the cafeteria.
9. Without a strong foundation, the building would collapse in on _____.
10. My house is _____ larger compared to yours in this neighbourhood.
11. The family _____ calm in spite of the imminent threat from the terrorist.
12. The students have already spent _____ of their allowances on the new gadgets.
13. In order to avoid the midday sun, the dogs _____ in the shade under our car porch.
14. The girl , _____ father is talking to the pharmacist, does not want to visit the dentist.
15. Many graduates seek _____ overseas due to higher wage and better fringe benefits.
16. Automobiles certainly cause most traffic congestions, _____ it also provide us with benefits.
17. This dedication came through from his sincere _____ of volunterism, through love.
18. Drivers should be extremely careful when giving a ride to strangers _____ they looked decent.
19. Kennedy, _____ won a lottery about two months ago, recently bought a new car.
20. Serena conducted her lecture via video call _____ most of her students are from Spain and France.

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SECTION B: GERUNDS AND INFINITIVES [20 MARKS]

Instructions: Construct sentences using all the verbs and verb phrases given below. Each of the verbs must be followed by either a gerund or an infinitive. You are allowed to use the verbs in any tenses.

dread	regret	promise	wish	stop
forget	ask	quit	*be* respectful with	*be* given to
propose	choose	expect	*be* grateful *with*	*be* limited *to*
dive	research	exhume	polish	hike

(20 marks)

SECTION C: TENSES [40 MARKS]

Question I

Instructions: For questions 1 – 20, fill in the blanks with the correct tense. The verbs are given in the parentheses.

Giraffes are now in danger of extinction

The giraffe, the tallest land animal, is now at risk of extinction, biologists say. This is because the giraffe population (**shrink**) **<u>has shrunk</u>** **(0)** nearly 40 percent in just 30 years. Scientists put it on the official watch list of threatened and endangered species worldwide, calling it "vulnerable." That is two steps up the danger ladder from its previous designation of being a species of least concern. In 1985, there were between 151,000 and 163,000 giraffes but in 2015 the number was down to 97,562, according to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

At a biodiversity meeting Wednesday in Mexico, the IUCN (**increase**) _____ (1) the threat level for 35 species and (**lower**) _____(2) the threat level for seven species on its "Red List" of threatened species which is considered by scientists the official list of what animals and plants (be) _____(3) in danger of disappearing. The giraffe is the only mammal whose status changed on the list this year. Scientists blame habitat loss. While everyone (**worry**) _____(4) about elephants, Earth has four times as many pachyderms as giraffes, said Julian Fennessy and Noelle Kumpel, co-chairs of the specialty group of biologists that put the giraffe on the IUCN Red List. They both called what's happening to giraffes a "silent extinction."

"Everyone (**assume**) _____(5) giraffes are everywhere," said Fennessy, co-director of the Giraffe Conservation Foundation. However, they're not, Fennessy said. Until recently, biologists (**do**)_____(6) a good job assessing giraffes' numbers and where they can be found. They (**lump**) _____(7) into one broad species instead of nine separate subspecies.

"There is a strong tendency to think that familiar species (such as giraffes, chimps, etc.) must be fine because they are familiar and we (**see**) _____(8) them in zoos," said Duke University conservation biologist, Stuart Pimm. Pimm (**criticise**) _____(9) the IUCN for not putting enough species on the threat list.

Fennessy (**blame**) _____(10) shrinking living space as the main culprit in the declining giraffe population, worsened by poaching and disease. Now, people (**move**) _____(11) into giraffe areas especially in central and eastern Africa. Giraffe numbers (**plunge**)_____(12) most in central and eastern Africa. This has fragmented giraffe

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populations, making them shrink in size with wild giraffes gone from seven countries such as Burkina Faso, Eritrea, Guinea, Malawi, Mauritania, Nigeria and Senegal, said Kumpel of the Zoological Society of London.

The IUCN says 860 plant and animal species (**extinct**) _____(13), and another 68 in the wild. Nearly 13,000 are endangered or critically endangered. The next level is vulnerable, where giraffes were placed, followed by near threatened and least concerned.

The status of two snake species worsened. The ornate ground snake, which lives on the tiny island of Saint Lucia, deteriorated from endangered to critically endangered. The Lacepede's ground snake of Martinique, which was already critically endangered, is now considered possibly extinct, pending confirmation, as is the trondo mainty, a river fish in Madagascar.

However, there is also good news for some species.

The Victoria stonebasher, a freshwater fish in Africa, went from being considered endangered to least concerned with a stable population. Moreover, an African plant, the acmadenia candida, which was declared extinct, (**discover**) _____(14) and is now considered endangered. Another freshwater fish, ptychochromoides itasy, which had not been seen since the 1960s, has been rediscovered in small numbers in Africa's Sakay River and is now considered critically endangered.

Adapted from Agency (2018). *It's no tall tale – giraffes are now in danger of extinction.* Retrieved from https://www.star2.com/living/2018/12/10/giraffes-face-extinction/

Building a dream home

A few years ago, Atiqah Nadiah Zailani (set) **was set** (0)on buying a small apartment for RM500,000 in Petaling Jaya, Selangor. Before she could finalise the deal, she (**send**) _____(15) on a job assignment to Tanzania. She had to put her high-rise dream on the back-burner, but while in Africa, the Kuala Lumpur born and raised young lady saw an alternate way of living.

"The Maasai people (an indigenous ethnic group in Tanzania and Kenya) live in huts measuring less than 100 sq ft (9.3 sq m). That's because a lot of their life happens outdoors. Indoors is just a place to rest. Since I'm also an outdoorsy person, I (**lean**) _____(16) towards that lifestyle," she says.

Atiqah was also inspired by the tiny house movement in Australia, New Zealand and the US, where folks would opt for smaller living spaces to lead simpler lives "A lot of people (**publish**) _____(17) up stories and videos of how they built and designed their own houses, and I thought, 'How hard can it be?'"

Therefore, Atiqah, who had no formal history with architecture or design, started sketching out her new home. "My dad is an architect, that's as far as it goes," says the 31-year-old who works as an international development consultant. While drafting the blueprint for her ideal living space, Atiqah says, "I asked myself, 'Do I cook a lot?' Not really, so I (**do**) _____(18) need a massive kitchen. Instead, I spend a lot of time in my bedroom and at my work desk, so I want that to be a big, beautiful space."

Upon her return to Malaysia, she went online to search for available land. This was the most tiresome part of the process, Atiqah says, as she knew very little about where to find land for sale. Within six months, however, she purchased a one-acre (0.4ha) ground in Behrang, a town at the Perak-Selangor border, about 100km from KL. "It's got all these tall trees and it overlooks Banjaran Titiwangsa," she says of the view.

Though Atiqah had a firm idea of the design she wanted, she needed professional help to make her vision a reality. So when it came to actually constructing the house such as sourcing for materials and structural concerns, she decided to hire architects and designers from Epic

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Homes, a social enterprise that mobilises volunteers to build homes for Orang Asli.
"They tweaked about 30% of my original plan because I **(design)** _____(19) my home for flat land. Mine turned out to be sloping land," says Atiqah of the collaboration.

Then over three weekends in September 2017, Atiqah and a group of 20 to 30 people – comprising Epic Homes volunteers, her family and friends – brought her dream to life.
At 520 sq ft (48.3 sq m), her home comprises an open floor living room and kitchen, a bathroom, and a veranda on the ground floor. The upper level is a spacious loft for her bed and work desk. The staircase doubles as a wardrobe. Though the structure may **(completed)** _____(20), Atiqah wants to take her time to furnish and equip the house before she moves in permanently, which she estimates will take five years.

Adapted from Agency (2018). *Malaysian woman with no design history builds dream home in under 30 days*. Retrieved from https://www.star2.com/people/2018/04/24/atiqah-nadia-zailani-joins-tiny-home-movement/

Question II

Instructions: Write a paragraph using all of the FIVE tenses listed below on ONE of the given topics. You should include time reference words and underline the verb in each sentence. There must be at least two sentences for each tense.

Topics:

a) The most memorable experience as a student.
b) My achievements and new year resolutions.

Tenses to be used:

- Simple Present
- Simple Past
- Simple Future
- Present Progressive
- Past Progressive

(20 marks)

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SECTION D: SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT [20 MARKS]

Instructions: The following extract contains 11 errors in subject-verb agreement. Identify 10 errors and correct them as shown in the example. The first error is stated as the example.

EXAMPLE:	No	Line	Error	Correction
	0	1	come	comes

Singapore building Eco-Cities for the elderly

When it **comes** to urban planning and development, most, if not all, cities strive to achieve two things – sustainability and liveability. According to Dr. Belinda Yuen, research director of the Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities, a research institute at the Singapore University of Technology and Design, Singapore are no exception.

Yuen are one of the keynote speakers at the recent 10th International Conference On World Class Sustainable Cities 2018 (WCSC 2018). The conference, themed "Kuala Lumpur: Today & Beyond", are co-organised by the Real Estate & Housing Developers' Association Malaysia Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur (REHDA KL), the Malaysian Institute of Planners (MIP) and the Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM), supported by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

"When we talks about sustainable development, we talk not only about economic prosperity, but also a sustainable environment and high quality of life. "These is desired outcomes much sought after by cities across the world and Singapore is no exception," said Yuen in her presentaton. From the very early days, she added, Singapore has put in place a system of integrated planning and development to help sustain the conditions needed for a sustainable and liveable city.

Yuen says building an eco-city are about designing neighbourhoods and towns that have the smallest possible ecological footprint for residents. The concept of an eco-city is often traced back to Richard Register, renowned American theorist and author in ecological city design and planning, shared Yuen.

"There is no one-size-fits-all eco-city model. General, overall goals is about promoting environment-friendly redevelopment that improves quality of life and makes cities more sustainable," explained Yuen. Specific goals include minimising demand for land, primary material and energy consumption, reducing transport demand, minimising impact on the natural environment and people's health, and maximising mental health and well-being.

In March 2007, Singapore started building an eco precinct called Treelodge in Punggol town, a pilot project to demonstrate that innovation and sustainable development can be both practical and cost effective, with the emphasis on green living and increasing green awareness among the community. The project was completed in December 2010 and the precinct, measuring 2.9ha in size, feature seven apartment blocks with a total of 712 units. "The precinct was designed with triple aims – to lower maintenance cost, meet environmental targets in energy and water resources capability and, most importantly, enable the community to experience and live an eco lifestyle," said Yuen.

Some of the green features includes solar panels, LED lighting in common corridors, rainwater harvesting, motion sensors in multi-storey carparks, and connection to LRT and MRT stations. These eco elements increased the cost of construction by 5% to 8% but it has been estimated that the energy savings can be converted into power that

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Adapted from Wong,L.S.(2018). *How Singapore is building eco-cities to help the elderly age in place.*Retrieved from https://www.star2.com/culture/2018/11/28/how-singapore-is-building-eco-cities-and-helping-the-elderly-age-in-place/

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